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Royalty represents with Ute culture



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Members of the Southern Ute Royalty greet spectators along Main Street in Durango, during this year's annual Snowdown light parade, Friday, Feb. 3. Little Miss Southern Ute Eufemia Pardo (left), and Little Miss first alternate Yllana Howe (right) bundled up against the cold on their float titled: "Once upon a time ... how the Nuche 'Utes' came to be". This year's Snowdown theme was "Once upon a Snowdown" referencing fairy tales.

Three IHS wrestlers win league

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Raising a 'number one' finger visibly appears to come at a price.

Visibly, as in three of Ignacio's dwindling number of varsity wrestlers operating with at least one damaged hand – seniors Alex Pena and Jeff Herrera, and freshman Iaasic Pena.

The latter, having avoided a possible compound fracture on the outside of his right pinky, was put on – and will remain on, for the rest of the season – the shelf for the 2012 San Juan Basin League Championships, Feb. 3 in Norwood. Already knowing the whole of Class 2A resistance has him in its sights, Alex Pena had no problem in displaying a well-taped right wrist while in battle.

Herrera, however, elected to go all-out without wrappings on either of his Bobcat paws, both known to foes – Dove Creek's Tyler Ebberts included – to contain bones not one hundred percent sturdy. But working for momentum entering this weekend's 2A-Region II Championships (hosted by Sargent H.S. northeast of Monte Vista), Herrera not only pinned Dolores' Wyatt Mattausch in 66 seconds, he avenged a narrow Butch Melton Invitational loss to Ebberts with an 8-4 decision to win the SJBL 132-pound title.

Alex Pena, at 126, and senior 160-pounder Teagan Overturf each went 3-0 to also cop crowns for IHS, which totaled 21 team points to finish fourth of the circuit's five squads. With roster numbers in its favor, DCHS won with 36 – beating the host Mavericks by eleven, DHS by 13, and fifth-place Nucla by 19.

Facing just one familiar opponent, determined local Jaron Ragsdale, at 195 pounds, IHS



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alex Pena (left) takes Norwood's Tim Armintrout where the Maverick doesn't want to go – way up ... then way down. At 126 pounds, Pena went 3-0 at the Feb. 3 SJBL Championships, hosted by NHS.

senior Colton Wyatt fell by 9-1 major decision (majors, technical falls, pins, etc., warranted no extra team points under the event's stripped-down scoring system) and took second.

Versus a four-man 113-pound bracket, junior Taylor Smith went 0-3 – pinned in 1:03 by DC's Chance Randolph, in an elapsed 5:27 by Dolores' Levi Noyes, and in 2:48 by Nucla's James Wilkerson. And at 170, freshman Blaine Mickey took an initial forfeit win over absent DC Bulldog Tyler Knuckles, but then fell by pin to DHS' Griffin Williams and in 19 seconds to Norwood's best, senior Brent Harris.

[Upon further inspection by the reporter, Smith was erroneously given 4 points for first place, rather than 1 for his fourth, while Nucla's Aaron Morgan was shorted a third-place point at

106 – meaning the Bobcats and Mustangs actually tied for fourth place with 18 team points each.]

Now, from hard luck to good luck ... Overturf began with a pin eighty seconds into the second period against DC's Wyatt Applin, then a 17-6 major rout – er, decision – of Nucla's Cody Terrell, and after a bye, stuck Dolores' Wyatt Wallace with a first-period pin.

And Alex Pena started with a pin ten ticks into the second period against DC's Tommy Fury, backed it with a rapid pin of Norwood's Tim Armintrout, and sewed up the division with a firm takedown of Dolores' Wyatt Wade – resulting in an injury default, 1:48 remaining in the second, when the Bear's right shoulder could stand no more treatment. Or pain.

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BP donates to the museum



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's Board of Directors accepted a \$50,000 grant from BP on January 27. The money will go to help fund educational and outreach programs – local and out-of-state.

Tribal Council announces session breaks for the 2012 calendar year

Spring: April 2 – April 6
Summer: July 9 – July 13
Fall: Nov. 19 – Nov. 23
Winter: Dec. 24 – Dec. 28

Council will not have any meetings scheduled during these weeks. Please plan accordingly to have necessary items approved prior to or after the breaks.

If you have any questions please contact Sunshine M. Flores, Executive Assistant to Chair, Vice & Tribal Council at 970-563-0100, ext 2319



News in brief

IGNACIO

Casino announces Tribal Membership Forum

The Sky Ute Casino Resort Management Team invites you take part in an informal discussion on future plans for the enhancements of amenities and services at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The forum will take place at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center on Thursday, Feb. 16. Dinner served at 6 p.m., forum starts at 6:30 p.m. Items to be addressed include the entrance of Northern Edge Casino into the marketplace, new strategic initiatives, technological enhancements, and the potential extension of alcoholic beverage service property-wide. Your input is very valuable as we position the Sky Ute Casino Resort to ensure that it remains the premier gaming and entertainment destination in the Southwest. Please make plans to join us and let us know you're coming so we have plenty of food for everyone. RSVP to Tracy McKellip at 970-563-1752 no later than Feb. 10.

Attention: Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

DURANGO

County accepting 2012 County Fair Theme

The La Plata County Fair Board is currently accepting theme ideas for the 2012 La Plata County Fair. Themes should reflect the family and community nature of the Fair. Please keep theme or slogan to 10 words or less. Artwork is encouraged and can be dropped off with theme concept submissions at the La Plata County Extension Office at the Fairgrounds or mailed to; La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Durango 81301. Please label your submission(s) with your name and telephone number. Entries must be received by 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize!

Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your Bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 – 7 p.m., in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

Legal affairs class coming to county fairgrounds

Colorado State University's La Plata County Extension will offer "Legally Secure Your Financial Future," a class designed to help evaluate and organize legal affairs related to life issues. The class consists of three sessions: organizing your important legal documents and records, advance directive and medical power of attorney, and estate planning concerning wills and trusts in Colorado. The second of two series will take place Feb. 13, 21 and 28 at the Lavenia McCoy Public Library in Bayfield. The cost for materials is \$50 for the three sessions or \$20 for each individual class. Pre-registration is required. Ccall 970-382-6463 to register.

NEW MEXICO

2012 Gathering of Nations dates announced

The world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people will take place in Albuquerque between April 26 and 28. The Gathering of Nations will be held at the University of New Mexico's University Arena (known locally as "The Pit") in Albuquerque and will begin on Thursday, April 26 with registration for singers and dancers. Later that evening, the Miss Indian World competition begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel – Albuquerque. The crowning will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at "The Pit." The much-anticipated grand entry, begins at noon on Friday, April 27. For more information regarding purchasing tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations visit www.gatheringofnations.com.

Many Moons Ago



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10 Years Ago

The three-man crew of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Fire Crew (left to right) Tom Morgan, Engine Boss Trainee, Howard Richards Jr, Engine Boss Trainee, and Warren Harris Engine Boss/Crew Leader, stand in front of their new Ford F-550, "6-Pack" crew-cab, Type 6 tanker/truck.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 8, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

20 Years Ago



photo archives/SU DRUM

Little Buddy Taylor won first place in the Junior Division Ice Fishing Contest at Capote Lake held Feb. 1 and 2, 1992. Over 100 individuals entered the 6 hour fishing derby sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribe.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 10, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 Years Ago

It could be called the "Tournament of Champions" when every first and second place finishers of their respective district tournament attended the Colorado State High School Wrestling Tournament in Denver to determine the best in the state. Ignacio High School coaches at the Colorado State Wrestling tournament (left to right) Danny Jaques, Butch Melton, (kneeling), Duane Valencia and Lucus Gallegos.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 26, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

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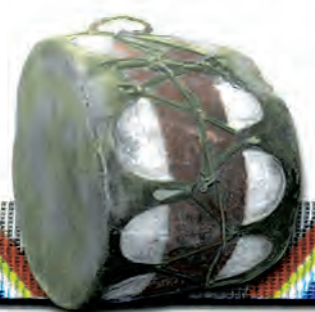
www.skyutecasino.com

Which one will you wish for on Saturday, March 3?

Register to win all month by playing the Genie's Lamp Kiosk Game & using your Bear Club Card to play the slots.

Must be 21 years of age or older. Must be a member of the Bear Club. You may only receive the \$25 in casino cash once during the promotion period. Management has the right to change or cancel this offer at anytime.

Registration period February 1 – March 3, 2012. Earn one entry for every 100 points earned on your Bear Club Card. Must be 21 or older. Must be present with valid ID to win. Employees and their immediate family members are not eligible. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at any time without prior notice. Visit skyutecasino.com for more information.



Núu-'apaghapi 102 class notes:

The Ute possessive-reflexive construction

Note: In English, when the subject is the possessor (owner) of the object, there are two ways of expressing the clause: First with the normal **possessor pronoun** (a), and second with the **extra marker "own"** (b). Thus compare:

- (a) Mary fed **her** child
John fed **his** child
I fed **my** child (b) Mary fed **her own** child
John fed **his own** child
I fed **my own** child

In Ute two equivalent forms exist, but only form (b) – the equivalent of “own” – can be used when the subject is the possessor of the object. This for is **obligatory**. Thus compare:

- mamachì tuachi-'u magha-qa
'the woman fed **his/her** child'
(someone else's, not her own)
woman/S child/O-3s feed-ANT
- *nè-' tuachi-n magha-qa
(an ungrammatical sentence)
1s child/O-1s feed-ANT
- mamachì tuachi-**av** magha-qa
'the woman fed **her own** child'
(not someone else)
woman/S child/O-**OWN** feed-ANT
- nè-' tuachi-**av** magha-qa
'I fed **my own** child'
1s/S child-OWN feed-ANT

Examples of this construction from Ute texts:

- kani-**av** yúaa-va ka-ghani-ga-pu-ga
(Harry Richards)
house-**OWN** plain-at **RED**-house-have-**REM**
'they had their lodges in the open country'
- ma-vaa-tukhwa wi'i-u-paani puku-av 'inay
(Harry Richards)
there-at-go jump-INC-FUT house/O-OWN this/O
'right there I will jump off this my horse'

- puku-**av** 'uway tawasi-ku (Harry Richards)
horse/O-OWN the/O gallop-SUB
'as he was galloping his horse'
- 'eméy tuachi-**av**, pachu-avma-vaa tñi yáa' wa
vaa-chi (Ralph Cloud)
2s/G boy-OWN daughter-OWN there-at high
carry-IRR-NOM
'you should bring you (own) boy or (own)
daughter up there'
- 'ú-vway-aqh-'ura 'uwas-'ura payu-kwa-pəga-s,
kani-vaa-chawi-**av** (Harry Richards)
there-at-it-be 3s/S-be return-REM-C house-at
go-OWN
'then he went back to his (own) house'
- 'uway múaa-wa-av pagha'ni-mi (Ralph Cloud)
that/O father-with-OWN walk.about-HAB
'I used to hang out with my (own) father'

The last two examples show that the possessed object need not be the direct object, but could also be an **indirect (post-positional)** object. The same rule applies. This is also true for English.

One might note that in English the optional use of “own” is **emphatic**, denoting an **unusual** situation. Thus compare:

- a. She saw **her** mother (nothing unusual)
- b. She killed **her own** mother (unusual)
- c. John carried his suitcase to the plane (usual for us mortals)
- d. President Jimmy Carter carried his own suitcase to the plane (unusual for presidents)

In Ute, on the other hand, the -**av** construction is obligatory and does not imply an unusual situation or emphasis. Though the situation could be an unusual, as in this description of Porcupine:

- tuachi-u-av su-supay-na-pu-ga-amu-..
child-PL-OWN RED-desert-HAB-REM-3p
'she used to desert her children repeatedly'

This is your language

Tcha-'ara mu-ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

By Tom Givon
Ute Language Instruction

The Ute language, núuchi or núu-'apaghapi, is a member of the vast Uto-Aztec family that extends from the Western U.S. to South of Mexico City. Within the family, Ute belongs to the northern-most Numic branch that include three sub-groups: (i) Southern Numic: Kawaiisu and Chenmehueve (California), Southern Paiute (Colorado, Utah) and Ute (Colorado, Utah); (ii) Central Numic: various Northern Paiute groups in California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. And (iii) Northern Numic: Shoshone (Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming) and Comanche (Texas).

According to linguists and anthropologists, the Uto-Aztec family spread out from Southern California to the north and south within the past 5 thousand years; the Numic sub-family fanned out to the north-east within the past 2 thousand years. Quite a few Uto-Aztec groups remain in Southern California. Of the Southern Numic group,

Chemehueve, Southern Paiute and Ute are mutually intelligible, and should be considered dialects of the same language.

The documented study of the Ute language harkens back to the works of the great Western explorer John Wesley Powell in the 1870s in the Uintahs and Uncompaghere, the linguist Edward Sapir in the early 1900s in the Uintahs, and the anthropologist James Goss in the early 1960s on the Southern Ute reservation. This column will be based on the work of the Ute Language Program of the Southern Ute Tribe (1976-1985), of which I was the founding director. That program produced three books in a preliminary form: the Ute Dictionary (1979), the Ute Reference Grammar (1980), and the Ute Traditional Narratives (1985). We are now engaged in revising and re-publishing all three books. The first one, Ute Reference Grammar (revised and expanded), was published in 2011. The revised and expanded Ute Oral Texts is due out in 2013. The revised and expanded Ute Dictionary will

follow.

This column will appear in the Drum every 2 weeks, and is based on our revised materials. To the extent possible, the materials presented here will be coordinated with the Ute Language Class that has been meeting at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum every Wednesday evening for the past five months. It is a sad fact that the use of the Ute language on the Southern Ute reservation has been slowly declining. The vast majority of current tribal members have grown up speaking English as their first language. In 1975 we estimated that we had ca. 250 fluent speakers, with the youngest in their forties. Nowadays we estimate that we have ca. 50 fluent speakers with the youngest in their sixties. This is an ominous profile of language retreat, to the point of near extinction. We hope that the current Ute Language class, the revision of our three books, and the determination of the Ute people will contribute to reversing this trend.

'u-vu-s, máykyanu-s 'áyk.

Healthy living by choice



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Beginning the new year with healthy habits, Lynda Grove-D'wolf, held the first in a series of women's health workshops at the Multi-purpose on Wednesday, Feb 8. Discussions included diet, lifestyle choices and good parenting practices. Pictured above, Lynda Eagle (left) partakes in the informal discussion on healthy living practices. Refreshments were served.

Ute Language

kwasu - cook

kusu - cooked

tuka'inikH - cook something



Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2011 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

Powwow Trails

Vero Beach 2012 'Thunder on the Beach' Powwow
February 17 – 19

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Web: www.thunderonthebeachpowwow.net

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The Kidney Corner: How much potassium do you need?

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

Potassium is an electrolyte (charged chemical) which is vital for normal cellular function. By an ingenious system of molecular pumps, all cells in our body maintain a high level of potassium inside the cell while keeping the concentration low outside the cell. This potassium concentration difference between the inside and the outside of cells is important for many of their functions, including muscle contraction and normal functioning of nerve cells.

It is important that blood levels of potassium be neither too high nor too low. Low potassium levels can be caused by diarrhea, vomiting and sometimes medications including some diuretics which cause potassium loss from the urine. Lack of potassium may cause muscle cramps but there are often few or no symptoms. Critically low levels of potassium can be very dangerous due to a disruption of the heart's rhythm.

Elevated levels of potassium can also be caused by medications but most cases occur in patients with impaired kidney function. In people with healthy kidneys, a large amount of excess



potassium can be excreted in the urine. Consumption of even large amounts of potassium-rich foods does not therefore usually cause high potassium levels unless kidney function is impaired. High potassium levels can cause weakness but (as with low potassium levels), it can be difficult to detect symptoms in many cases. And again, when levels get very high, the heart is at risk of going into an abnormal rhythm or stopping. In other words, the heart will only tolerate a narrow range of potassium levels to work properly. Fortunately, in healthy people, this tight range of potassium levels is usually maintained quite easily by the kidneys.

For most people with healthy kidneys, taking in adequate

amounts of potassium in the diet contributes to good health. Fruits and vegetables are usually good sources of potassium and foods which are particularly high include bananas, oranges and other citrus fruits, chile, melons, potatoes and tomatoes. Many commercial "salt substitutes" also contain potassium (instead of sodium). Diets which are high in potassium are associated with a lower incidence of high blood pressure. However, in patients with advanced kidney disease potassium intake may need to be limited to avoid dangerously high levels.

Treatment of low potassium is usually simple: replacement of potassium in the diet or with potassium chloride tablets is all that is usually necessary. Bringing down high potassium levels can be more complicated. This may require avoidance of potassium in the diet, discontinuation of medicines which may be contributing to the high potassium, and sometimes use of medicines which bring potassium down including a preparation called Kayexalate which allows potassium loss from the bowel. In serious emergencies, dialysis can be used to bring down potassium levels.

Teen Dating Violence

Media release
Southern Ute Police Department
Victim Services

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. During this month, and at all times, it is important for everyone to be aware of the issue of teen dating violence. For as much as domestic violence among adults is an issue that is too often not discussed, and too often kept a secret by the victim, teen dating violence is even less discussed, and even less reported by victims.

It is important to discuss Teen Dating Violence because 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year. If this is the number of adolescents that report the abuse there are many more silent victims out there and it is important to understand that it's not just girls who are the victims of dating violence. Both males and females are victimized, no matter their race, income level or sexual preference. Teenagers who are victims of dating violence are more likely to continue to be abused in their adult relationships, and are unlikely to break the pattern of abusive relationships. Teenagers who are victims are more likely to be depressed and do poorly in school. They may engage in unhealthy behaviors, like using drugs and alcohol, and are more likely to have eating disorders. Some teens even think about or attempt suicide.

How do you know if you (or someone you know) are in a hurtful relationship? Are you going out with someone who: Is jealous towards you? Makes you afraid to disagree? Wants to get too serious

too fast? Threatens to hurt you? Calls you names, insults you? Makes you tell where you are all the time? Blames you when becoming angry or losing con-

How do you know if you, or someone you know, are in a hurtful relationship?

trol? Touches you without permission? Pressures you to have sex? Threatens to commit suicide if you try to break up? These are just a few of many different warning signs that someone maybe in an abusive relationship.

What do you do if you (or someone you know) are in an abusive relationship?

Discuss your concerns. It is never too late to make your feelings clear with your partner. If expressing your concerns leads to more abuse, get HELP!

Trust Your Gut. If you have concerns about someone you're dating or want to date, trust your feelings. If the person refuses to discuss your concerns, you should not go out with them.

Believe In Yourself. It's common to question whether the abuse took place, or whether it was really "that bad". But it is important to believe your feelings.

Break the Silence. Talk with someone. Tell a parent, a relative, a friend, a trusted adult, the school nurse, a doctor, a minister, a Victim Advocate, or a school counselor.

Think of Your Safety. Abusive relationships tend to get worse, not better. Resist giving the person "one more chance." Realize that by the time you are asked for "one more chance" you have likely already given your partner numerous chances. Refuse to take phone calls and to return messages.

Regardless of the abuser's age it is against the law for anyone to: Hurt you, try to hurt you, force you to have sex, threaten you with weapons, harass you on the telephone or through the mail, stalk you or destroy things that belong to you. Always remember: Abuse is NOT love. Love is NOT abuse. Love does not hurt. The abuse is not your fault. You did not cause the abuse. You cannot stop the abuse.

If you or someone you know is or has been in an abusive relationship it is important to know that you are not alone.

Available resources

**Southern Ute Police
Department Victim Services**
970-563-0245

Alternative to Horizons
970-247-9619

Our Sister's Keeper
970-247-7888

**Sexual Assault Services
Organization (SASO)**
970-247-5400

**National Dating Abuse
Helpline**
1-866-331-4474
or text "loveis" to 77054 or
www.loveisrespect.org and
www.myspace.com/stopteen-datingviolence.com.

SUIT Environmental Programs

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Please call Peter Diethrich
for more information or to
schedule an appointment.

Priority to Elders and those
with infants in their homes.

563-0135 x2238

pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us

Mobile Blood Drives Feb. 6 – Feb. 11

Feb. 11 – Saturday

Chocolate Oasis Celebration
Nature's Oasis/Blood Mobile
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Durango

Durango Office
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Wed., Thurs., Sat.: Closed

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February is Children's Dental Health Month

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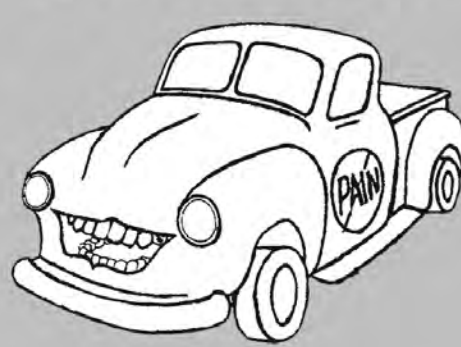
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Head Start hosts bingo night



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start drew a crowd for family bingo night in its gymnasium on Jan. 26. Prizes included DVDs and gift certificates to local businesses.

PRCLC graduates



photos Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

The Pine River Community Learning Center celebrated its latest batch of GED program graduates with a graduation ceremony. Pictured left to right are, Anthony Holt, Jamie Brown, Karak Burgos, Raina Criddle, Thomas Gurule and Ricardo Rivera were among those honored at the SunUte Community Center on Jan. 26. Student services coordinator Cecilia Robbins (left) and President of Board of Director Ronnie Baker (right) awarded graduate Ricardo Rivera with his certificate.

The list of honorees included: *Victoria Abendroth, *Jamie Brown, *Karak Burgos, Raina Criddle, Thomas Gurule, Chris Harrison, Tiffany Howe, *Anthony Holt, Travis Kassel, *Ricardo Rivera, *Amanda Robinette, *Paul Tahlo and *Joshua Walcott.

The *indicates that the graduate earned a high enough score on the GED test battery to be inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: March 2, April 6 and May 4. The test is held at the Education Building, 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

Education Dept. Community Classes for February and April

- **Easy Valentine Gifts Workshop: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Workshop will consist of two parts. **Card Making** – participants will make valentine cards, using fancy papers, stickers, stamps, inks, chalks, gemstones, cut outs, and will learn to texture your paper using the crit-cut tool. **Easy Gift** – participants will make and decorate easy cut-out cookies, and easy candies.
 - **Women's High-Top Moccasin Class: March 1, 8, 15, 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Get ready to Bear Dance! This is a 4 part class, participants must be dedicated to attend all four classes, and to finish their project. We will provide the leather, you will provide the beads and beading supplies. Space is limited, participants must be at least 15 years old. Participants will learn how to measure and make the pattern, cut out pattern develop and bead a design.
 - **Dress and Ribbon Shirt Workshop: Saturday April 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
Participants will learn to measure, cut out and sew a simple ribbon dress, or a ribbon shirt. Participants will receive the material and the ribbons to complete your project. Participants must know how to operate a sewing machine and have basic sewing skills.
- For more information, and to sign up, call Luana Herrera at the Department of Education 970-563-0237.

Bobcats of the month



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These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the Month for January for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn: Aleah Abeyta, Cameron Doyebi, Ethan Richards, Adilyne Tallbird, Gracelynn Thompson and Lexy Young.

Southern Ute Education Department Southern Ute tribal students of the month

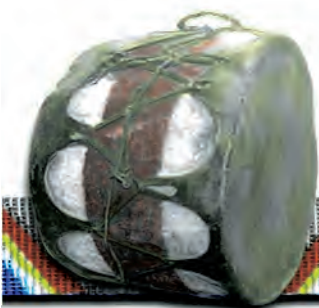
Introducing a special recognition program for the young and talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools! The Southern Ute Education staff is looking for you! We know you are there, and we want to recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview. It could be you! Way to go! Pending the success of this new program, SUED may extend this recognition to other local school districts in the fall. Stay tuned!



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Julian White
“Snowboy” *nava-apachi*
1st grade, Ignacio Elementary School
Parents: Father Dwain White, mother Agatha Bison, maternal grandmother Beulah Kent, paternal grandmother Martha Beaver.
“I feel art, reading and math are my strongest subject in school.”
Julian’s hobbies include playing video games, painting, playing with cousins and traveling to powwow or just traveling.
“I want to be a cop when I grow up.”
Teacher comment: He is a sharp learner. Takes in everything that is taught and uses it to help him with all his work.

Isabelle Estrellita Pena
4th grade, Ignacio Intermediate School
Parents: Kenneth and Shasta Pena; grandparents Dave and Beth Martinez; Josph and Esther Pena.
“I feel reading is my strongest subject in school.”
Isabelle’s hobbies include tetherball, basketball, volleyball and swimming.
“I want to be a WNBA player when I grow up.”
Isabelle is an outstanding student. Her 4th grade teachers uses the adjective ‘perfect’ to describe Isabelle as a student. Isabelle is polite and cheerful, plus a responsible girl, which makes her enjoyable to work with.



Girls held at bay by Ridgway

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

There's something of a 'kindred spirit' between Michelle Simmons and Candace Yengst. Neither wants to lose to the other, but both know to expect fireworks from each other – and Simmons proved once again, on the first attempted shot, that another Ignacio-Ridgway clash would go down to the wire. Round One this season, Dec. 9 at IHS, went to the Lady Demons 64-59 – but with Simmons outscoring Yengst 26-25. Round Two, last Saturday at RHS, again went to the Lady Demons ... by an eerily-similar 64-56. Said Yengst, whose initial try was pounded aside by Simmons, "How many did Michelle get?"

Avenging fivefold a stifled six-point performance in a 46-43 upset loss to Telluride the night before, Yengst exploded for a game-high 30 points versus the Lady 'Cats. But, as in the first battle – in which Simmons also swatted her first shot – was quiet for eight minutes (three points on 12/9, two on 2/4).

Meanwhile, IHS' first-quarter work was nearly identical to the first engagement: ahead 13-12 after a quarter then, up 11-10 'now' via a Sky Cotton bank-shot three with 0:10 left. And Simmons? Three points up to that juncture; she'd had four after one frame back in the first go-round.

She would finish with a team-high 24 points – the answer to Yengst's inquiry – and also pull down 14 rebounds. Sky Cotton, coming off a 13-point, seven-steal game in Ignacio's 43-28 win the night before at Dove Creek, finished with ten points (exactly as she'd had her first time versus RHS). Mariah Vigil also mirrored her Game 1 with Ridgway – eleven points the first



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Michelle Simmons (3) stomps on the gas to drive towards the basket, leaving Ridgway's Bailey Kerson in the dust during the Lady Bobcats' Feb. 4 trip to RHS.

meeting, eleven the second.

RHS' Rowan VanArsdell netted 11 points, up just three from December's game, and teammate Leta McNatt doubled her December output, from one point to two – and also fouled out again. Told you it was eerily similar ... Except for the play of Ridgway senior point guard Jenna Beamer, her team's most consistent threat in the loss to THS, as well as both wins over IHS. Having managed nine points against the Lady Miners – which she also netted the first time against the Lady 'Cats – Beamer totaled 17 points last Saturday, and connected five times from long range. And all the makes came at the most opportune (and most detrimental to the black jerseys) moments.

Her first bomb put the Lady Demons up 13-11 early in the second quarter, and her second increased the lead to 20-11 en

route to a 35-22 halftime advantage. Ignacio (7-7, 5-5 SJBL) had fought back to 24-20, but then saw Ridgway literally run up and down the court on an 11-2 spree in the last 2:40.

After IHS' Pam Cotton – inactive for the teams' first meeting due to a one-game suspension due to a double-technical ejection – and Yengst swapped buckets inside starting the second half, Beamer's third triple put RHS (12-4, 9-2) up 42-25, and her fourth gave the green-and-white a 20-point lead with 3:45 left.

Cotton converted successive shots from in close, forcing Ridgway boss Steve Hill to erupt and call timeout, despite still sitting on a 50-32 cushion. Beamer's fifth trey came with just five seconds left, making the lead 55-38 with a quarter remaining. [She'd sent Game 1 to the fourth also with a three, but Ridgway's lead then was just 45-42.]

Re-enter Simmons. With RHS more wary of Vigil (seven third-quarter points) and Pam Cotton (also seven), and keeping Beamer near the freshman Sky Cotton as much as possible, Ignacio's junior set in motion a near-single-handed attack – creating three 'and-one' chances, converting two – and dropped 13 points to fuel the Lady Bobcats' comeback bid.

Pam Cotton would join post counterpart Bailey Kerson in fouling out, but with VanArsdell proving poisonous on weak-side putbacks, and Yengst and Beamer providing steady ball control, Ridgway had enough juice to cross the finish line first – despite a long Sky Cotton trey in the final seconds.

Up next, IHS hosts Mancos tonight and Telluride tomorrow to wrap up regular-season San Juan Basin League play, then wholly concludes the regular season versus 3A Bayfield on Valentine's Day.



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Ignacio's Mariah Vigil (center, left) hits the deck to battle for the ball against Ridgway's Leta McNatt (front, left) and Rowan VanArsdell (rear, left) during the Lady Bobcats' Feb. 4 trip to RHS. Arriving, at right, to assist Vigil if necessary is IHS teammate Pam Cotton.

Junior High 'A' boys rolling

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Shocked at the skill level she'd just witnessed, a Ouray County fan approached former Ignacio High standout Timmy Velasquez last Saturday afternoon with this question:

"What grade does Ignacio go up to in middle school? Do they go up to ninth?" Velasquez, currently the coach of the IJHS 'B' team, could only grin and answer no, "just eighth." The fan was referring particularly to the Bobcat 'A' squad – which had just dismantled Ridgway Secondary, 62-22, inside the House of Troy in Ouray.

With 10 of 11 players scoring – only one had fewer than five points – led by big Nick Herrera (11 pts) and Anthony Manzanares (10), the scary thing

was that Ignacio was only getting started; an encounter with Ouray was still to come. And the 'Boys of Troy' were trounced almost as terribly as the dejected Demons; IJHS held the Trojans to just five field goals and 14 total points, while posting 53 themselves.

Herrera again led the way with 16 points, Wyatt Hayes increased from seven points to ten, and Trey Taylor went from six to eight to help book the San Juan Basin League sweep as nine 'Cats registered points versus OMS.

Ignacio improved to 13-0, obviously unbeaten in the loop. Sound familiar? Kind of like a certain 'varsity' crew you may have heard of...say...anytime in the last four years? It should; not only are there bloodlines to current or former IHS Bobcats, there's also a relation to the team's first-year head coach.

Who's 'first-year' only because it's his first new team in, well, quite a long time. Back on a bench in the hoop game, long-time Bayfield High School leader Forrest "Butch" Prior (relative Austin McCaw wears the red-and-white) now holds the reins – until he releases the beasts upon overwhelmed prey.

The 'A' team [television pun most definitely intended] goes into battle again this Saturday, Feb. 11, in Nucla against the Mustangs as well as Dove Creek. Thursday night's home clash with Bayfield was finished after the Drum went to print, and the young Bobcats' season ends next weekend.

ON THE ROSTER: Herrera, Hayes, Manzanares, Taylor, McCaw, Joseph Herrera, Tucker Ward, Charles Rohde, Rain Rosa, Andrew Martinez, Chase Sanchez.

Bobcat boys re-route Ridgway

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Fans of the hosts likely thought they'd seen the game's last true highlight.

Started by a deflection towards midcourt by a diving, rolling Xavier Watts, leading to a quick, one-touch pass ahead by Clayton Jefferson, Ignacio senior Shane Richmond didn't get the most elevation skyward – but enough to muscle the ball over the rim for a breakaway 'dunk' late in the fourth quarter.

And fans of the visiting Bobcats knew, despite the 54-37 advantage, there could still be more to follow; an abnormal half-dozen players still hadn't yet scored in last Saturday's eventual 66-44 road win.

Sophomore forward Justin Carver showed his hops the following trip after Richmond's flush, hovering over a Ridgway Demon for a left-handed layup, then calmly drained a well-if-you're-giving-it-to-me three-pointer off the left wing on IHS' next offensive rush.

RHS' Quinn Strickler finally countered with a layup, but with the scoreboard showing Ignacio 59, Ridgway 39 with 2:20 still remaining in the fourth, IHS' reserves were more than ready to contribute.

Senior Jesse Vigil knocked down a straight-away triple with 60 seconds left, and classmate Darrin Lagerstrom got into the ledger with a putback of a missed close-range try by sophomore John House. Junior Austin Haire and soph Adam Herrera tried pushing the pace just a little more, but the regulation 32 minutes expired before both they, along with House and senior Matt Silva could net a digit or two.

But in their earlier minutes, all of Chris Valdez's bench players were tested by an improved Demons roster. In fact, after Carver began the first-quarter scoring with two free throws and 6:37 left, RHS recovered to take an 8-6 lead on a short hook by sophomore big Nathan Hagemeyer.

Never panicking, the 'Cats moved back out front on a trey from soph Kelton Richmond, and with 1:25 left, freshman



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Clayton Jefferson (11) takes a hefty hack from a by-passing Kolton Kyne (12) of Ridgway during the Bobcats' Feb. 4 trip to RHS. Jefferson scored six points in IHS' 66-44 victory; Kyne missed the majority of the first quarter after crashing into the end wall on this play.

Adison Jones stepped out to hit from distance and build a 14-8 lead, which reached 18-10 entering the second. And quickly swelled to 21-10 on a three by Watts from behind a double screen, and later ballooned to 28-12 on another Watts three-ball – following a 14-footer in transition by Jefferson.

RHS' Kolton Kyne drilled a three, but Shane Richmond answered immediately with a hoop-and-one play to keep the lead at 16, 31-15, with 2:23 before halftime. And to Ridgway's credit, panic also did not ensue; behind senior guards Tanner Skalla and Harley Ryder, the Demons (10-6, 7-4 SJBL) went on an 11-2 run to shrink the score to 33-26 at the break. Carver threw a fine lob to the elder Richmond for an easy bucket beginning the third, and Jones later canned a key three from the right corner for a 42-29 lead, and the contest went to the fourth 46-35.

Four straight Shane Richmond points and two Jefferson FT's

[IHS was a perfect 7-of-7 all told] bookended a Ryder hoop, and at 52-37, with IHS' defense tightening especially on Ryder and Skalla, the outcome was imminent – with the highlight-reel mayhem about to commence.

Richmond paced the victors with 27 points, while Ryder's 11 led the victims. Skalla totaled ten and RHS got six each from Kyne, Hagemeyer, and junior Corbyn Robinson. Watts and Jones each finished with eight, Jefferson six, and Kelton Richmond five for Ignacio (12-3, 9-0) – playing after a week off.

Making up for the down time, three tilts were on the slate this week. Tuesday's home game versus non-league Pagosa Springs was completed after the Drum went to print, but the 'Cats will be in town from here on out: Mancos visits for SJBL play tonight, Telluride comes tomorrow for more, and the 2011-12 regular season ends inside IHS Gymnasium on Valentine's Day against non-league Bayfield.

IHS JV's stay hot in SJBL

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Setting the pace early, maintaining under fire, and then excessively speeding away after six minutes, the Ignacio Bobcat JV snapped up another San Juan Basin League win last Saturday in Ridgway. Behind a team-high 12 points from junior Austin Haire – who set the action in motion with a three right off the bat – and eight each from sophomore Adam Herrera and Angel Ortiz, the boys shook off a 14-14 first quarter to command a 30-16 halftime lead, and virtually coasted to a 48-36 victory.

RHS junior Kyle Cotton – who answered Haire's initial hoop with a shorter deuce himself – had tied the count with a triple out of the left corner, but IHS soph John House hit a baseline ten-footer beginning the second stanza to undo the knot. As the rhythm of the game slowed, Herrera later hit two free throws for an 18-14 advantage and 4:14 before the intermission. The Demons finally managed their first bucket of the quarter, but Haire finished off an 'and-one' effort to make the score 21-16. Senior Jesse Vigil hit a pair from the stripe to build the pad up to 25-16, and reserve guard Xavier Reynolds crippled the hosts with a triple in the waning moments.

Herrera cleaned up a House misfire opening the third, and RHS saved some face by cutting



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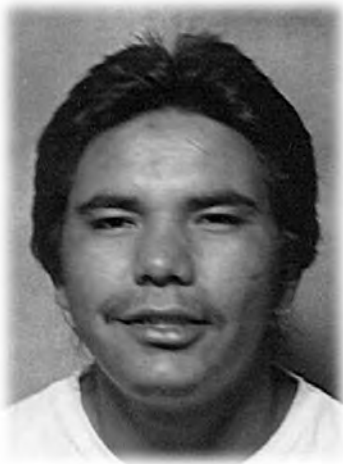
Ignacio's Sam Mestas saves his dribble under duress from Ridgway's Weston Patton (25) during the Bobcat JV's Feb. 4 road victory.

the deficit back down to 36-24 entering the final quarter. And Ridgway closed the contest on a 7-2 spurt, but not before Ignacio's Sam Corrado followed an Ortiz fall-away jumper with a basket for a [then] 46-29 lead. Vigil finished with seven points, Tucson four, and House/Reynolds with three each

for the 'Cats, who will precede the varsity in home SJBL games this weekend against Mancos (2/10) and Telluride (2/11), as well as versus 3A Bayfield on February 14. IHS' non-leaguer Feb. 7 at home against 3A Pagosa Springs ended after the Drum went to print.



Tribal Obituaries



PAUL - Jimmy Dondi Paul, 43, died Monday, February 6, 2012, at Four Corners Healthcare Center in Durango, Colo.

Mr. Paul was born April 14, 1968, in Durango. He attended Ignacio schools, but obtained his GED at Job Corps in Riverside, Calif. He did various labor jobs in his youth. As he was growing up, he enjoyed fishing, and riding his dirt bikes and four wheelers. He also enjoyed hanging out with his "bros," and his family, listening to music — especially rock and oldies, and rooting for those Broncos!

He is preceded in death by his parents Avalina Paul and Jim Box, Sr., and grandmother, Ophelia Padilla, whom he loved dearly. Mr. Paul is survived by his only child, Jalisa Raven Paul, and grandson, Orion Hunter Watts, of Ignacio; siblings Deadra Contreras of Ignacio, Izreal Contreras of Minnesota, Jim Box, Jr., and Curtis Paul; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews, and his companion of nine years, Alberta.

A rosary was recited Thursday, February 9, at Hood Mortuary Chapel in Durango. A Memorial Service was held Friday, February 10, at Southern Ute Memorial Chapel in Ignacio, Deacon Larry Tucker officiated. Burial occurred at Ignacio West Cemetery in Ignacio. A dinner followed at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building in Ignacio.

STEM after-school open house at
The Southern Ute Education Department



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Similar open house STEM programs will run the last Wednesday of each month, same time, and same place:

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Believe it or not, Durango Discovery Museum after-school programs have taught students new science concepts and vocabulary, enhanced students' science skills and allowed them to have loads of fun! The tradition will continue, with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs at the Southern Ute Education Department one Wednesday a month during Early Release. January's program will focus on Wild Wind. Students will learn engineering concepts as they create windmills, anemometers, pin-wheels and other windy crafts. They will make windy tools to take home, and explore how wind can be captured to do work. It's sure to be a blast!

The Durango Discovery Museum's education staff will guide students through inquiry and hands-on activities. Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the fun! We'll meet at the Southern Ute Education Building the last Wednesday of every month from 2:15 – 4:45 p.m. Stop in, say hello, and stay as long (or as short) as you'd like! Discovery Museum classes have sparked students' interest in science, engineering, math and technology, and they have inspired students to notice, wonder and learn. Parents, asked in the past, have responded that their children enjoyed the experience, their children became more interested in science while learning new vocabulary, and they were highly likely to bring their children to other programs offered by the Museum.

For further questions please contact Sarah Margoles at the Discovery Museum 970-403-1863, sarah@durangodiscovery.org or Carrie Vogel at Southern Ute, 970-563-0235, cvogel@southern-ute.nsn.us

Three IHS wrestlers win in league • from page 1



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Ignacio's Jeff Herrera works to untangle himself from a knot with Dolores' Wyatt Mattausch during the Feb. 3 SJBL Championships in Norwood. Herrera drew one 'bye,' but won his two official matches to claim the 132-pound division title.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Teagan Overturf looks for a chokeout, apparently, on Dolores' Wyatt Wallace during the 160-pounders' finale at the Feb. 3 SJBL Championships in Norwood. Overturf went 3-0 at the event to win the weight's title.

Entering this weekend's 17-team regional, coach Bob Overturf's driven half-dozen [the Bobcats as a unit were ranked #9 entering the SJBL's] stand as follows:

Taylor Smith 3-18, Alex Pena [#1] 27-2, Jeff Herrera 18-13, Teagan Overturf [#3] 36-8, Blaine Mickey 5-24, Colton Wyatt [#4] 22-5.

Overturf was billed behind #2 Jack Woods of Custer County

and Jourdan Hottinger of Akron. Wyatt followed Ragsdale, Burlington's Cole Briegel, and Baca County's J.J. Loflin. And in a what-goes-around-may-actually-come-back-around coincidence, following Pena at the 126's #2 spot ... Holly senior Robert Darnell, Pena's first of (to date) three state-championship victims.

The 2012 Colorado State Wrestling Championships run Feb.

16-18 at Pepsi Center in Denver.

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Ignacio High School
Second quarter honor roll

SENIORS:

4.0 Carly Barborinas
Brittney Benavidez
Abeth Okall
Shane Richmond
Zachary White
Colton Wyatt
3.75 Dusty Mangus
Teagan Overturf
3.6 Layla Hessler
Kashina Perry
3.5 Alex Pena
Matthew Peterson-Silva
Shawnara Troup
3.2 Steven Howell
Ray Sanchez
3.0 Nicole Burch-Woodhull
Deeana Cruz
Rylie Jefferson
Christian Rockwell
Jesse Vigil
Lacey Wade
JUNIORS:
4.0 Salome Niggli
Kiersten Raby
David Storey
Amanda Witcher
3.8 Kayla Knipp
3.7 Barbie Lujan

Breana Talamante-Benavidez
Mariah Vigil
Samantha Brown
Alexandria Troup
Celsa Velasquez
3.5 Courtney Valdez
Tristany Valencia
3.3 Mary Kate Adams
Jordan Cuthair
Seth Richards
3.2 Austin Haire
3.1 Pamela Cotton
ShaRay Rock
Taylor Smith
3.0 William Taylor
Nicole Williams

SOPHOMORES:

4.0 Christian Knoll
Kelton Richmond
Jayce Stricherz
Rebecca Ward
3.8 Clayton Jefferson
Shannon Mestas
3.7 Jeannie Grossardt
3.5 Malli Benavidez
Justin Carver
Raelynn Torres
3.4 Kerestine Hall

3.3 Cheyenne Cook
3.2 David Baca
Jalen Estes
Samuel Mestas
3.0 Jacob Candelaria
Dylan Pearson
Cloe Seibel

FRESHMAN:

4.0 Tyler Riepel
3.5 David Cooper
3.3 Tanisha Coyote
3.2 Dynesha Drake
Adison Jones
Alicia Naranjo
Alexis Tyner
3.0 James Ballew
Xavier Reynolds
Sydney Santistevan
Ziyu Wang

Student of the 2nd quarter

Senior: Jefferey Herrera
Juniors: David Storey and Salome Niggli
Sophomores: Dayson Price and Jayce Stricherz
Freshman: Tyler Riepel
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Former tribal employee announces political run

By Ace Stryker
The Southern Ute Drum

Julie Holligan Westendorff, a former prosecutor in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, announced on Tuesday, Jan. 31 she's running for a seat on the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners.

Westendorff shared the news at a small rally in front of the Ignacio Community Library. Running as a Democrat, she hopes to win the District 3 seat of Wally White, who will step down due to term limits. She is currently unopposed.

She said were she elected, she would view Ignacio as an integral part of the countywide picture, not an afterthought.

"I'm glad the community is one I'm familiar with," said Westendorff, who worked for the tribe from 1998 to 2003. "Ignacio is not a second thought to me. ... I spent so much time working here. I know so many people here."

Since September, Westendorff has spent much of her time meeting with community members and officials, including the sitting commissioners, department heads and Animas-La Plata Project officers.

Following her announcement, she took questions from some attendees. Responding to a question from Casey Correia about the prospect of more unsightly power lines coming through Ignacio, she said she favored solar development and would look into land that might have been set aside west of town for such a purpose.

Lorelyn Hall asked Westendorff about her feelings on the county's draft comprehensive plan, the subject of much controversy lately.

"I don't think there was any choice. ... The best decision was



photo Ace Stryker/SU DRUM

Former Southern Ute tribal prosecutor Julie Holligan Westendorff announced on January 31 at the Ignacio Community Library that she will seek the District 3 seat on the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners, a position being vacated by term-limited Wally White. Westendorff, a Democrat, is currently the only candidate to have declared for the race.

to not let it go further," she said, adding that the plan as presented nonetheless had value. She said the interests of the majority were squelched between two vocal, polarizing factions.

Westendorff then faced a political question from Tom Givons, who asked whether she could work effectively with the other

two county commissioners, Robert Anthony Lieb Jr. and Kellie Hotter – both Republicans.

"I don't view that as a hardship. I've met with both of them and kind of told them where I'm coming from," she said. "I think I can work with both of them. We have the same interests that we're required to protect."

Cooking matters



The Southern Ute Head Start held a special workshop in conjunction with Cooking Matters Colorado and the Sky Ute Casino. Casino chef, Bill Barbone (above, left) held the attention of almost a dozen parents, including Sky Dawn Carmenoros (above) who wanted to hone their cooking skills. This hands-on workshop helped Head Start parents gain a better understanding of cooking techniques, while creating a healthy meal plan. The presentation took place on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

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February is Heart Month

We can stop our No. 1 killer together by sharing the truth. Do you know the warning signs of a heart attack? Heart attack symptoms include:

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President's Day Hours

Monday

February, 20th 2012

8:00am to 5:00pm

(Pool closing at 4:30pm)

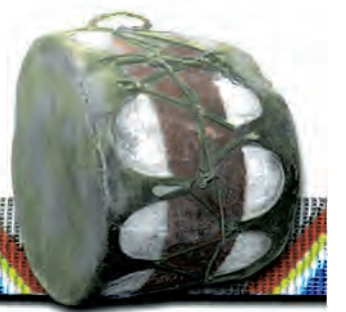
We will resume normal business hours Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00am.



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Snowdown lights up the night

Snowdown returns to Durango in its 34th year, with the theme, Once Upon a Snowdown. Representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in this year's light parade, the Sky Ute Casino (bottom right) and the Southern Ute Royalty (below) each entered a float in Friday night's Main Street event. Knights and dragons, coyotes and princesses all added to this storybook theme. Lindsay Box (top right) was among the participants. Students representing the Native American Center at Fort Lewis College (lower right) set up a fundraiser, selling frybread and soda. Hot air balloons and fire dancers kept the energy high and the crowd warm on Friday, Feb. 3 as the procession made it's way down Main Street in this annual tradition.



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM





Remodeled, not just renovated

By Don Oliver
Special to the Drum

For those of you that stopped fishing the San Juan River because of the lousy river conditions from the Kiddie Hole upstream, you need to rethink your position. I say this from recent experience. I am one of those who said, "Never again." After watching it over the past 15 years go from a great fishery, to one of silted-in holes, shallow runs, and generally just not any fun. Well, things have changed, and you need to get yourself down there.

Thanks to the leadership Marc Wethington, who is the San Juan River Fish Biologist with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, we have a newly remodeled river. The first thing you will notice as you drive into the Texas Hole parking lot is a new catch basin at the head of the parking lot. The old sand ditch has been removed and a new catch basin to stop water, sand, and gravel, has been added. There is even a spillway on the basin to help with any major flooding.

The area from the Kiddie Hole across to the main channel, then upstream close to the upper flats, back across the river, then down stream to the Texas Hole parking lot is brand new. (So new in fact that us old curmudgeons need a river map).

The project got its start in 2004 with a management plan for in-stream habitat work. The design work was done by River Bend Engineering, with offices in Pagosa and Albuquerque. Marc did say that the people of River Bend sought input from Game



and Fish, and other individuals. Once the plan was decided on, and a cost estimate obtained, the search for state and federal funds began. However, in this case, the search was relatively easy and quick. Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson ear-

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marked \$250,000.00 for the Department of Game and Fish to be used for the San Juan River project, and the Feds kicked in another \$100,000.

The general contractor was Albuquerque Underground, assisted by Aquatic Consultants, also of Albuquerque. Marc also told me, these two firms brought the project in on budget and time. I guess they are fly fishermen and

wanted to get on the new river as soon as possible.

So, just what was done? Dredging was done to allow more water into areas that hold fish. Existing pools were reworked and new pools created as more water found these areas. There are now 21 pools in the remodeled area. Old islands and barriers were removed letting water flow into shallow areas that are now deep and loaded with fish. Other areas that were nothing more than silted-in-shallow-walkways between islands are now filled and shored up creating some of the new pools.

The old beaver dams were reinforced, plus two new dams that look like beaver dams were built. The new dams look so realistic that I had to ask Marc to identify the two new ones. Where new islands and peninsulas were created grass is being seeded. I was assured the seeded areas will be resistant to wind, rain, and erosion. The quality of work on this project is second to none.

Now, just because we have a wonderful new area to fly-fish, don't delude yourself into thinking the catching will be any easier. I have been down there a couple of times, and I want you to know the trout are as finicky as they have ever been. In fact, I think the trout are enjoying the clear deep pools so much they are demanding a better selection of flies. Further, slopy presentations will no longer be hidden by cloudy water and overgrown banks.

It is really nice to be able to say, "The government, along with the private sector, has done a great job." Be sure and thank those folks when you see them.

Public notice

The Southern Ute Tribe's Department of Natural Resources, is in the process of putting address signs for Southern Ute Tribal members living within the boundaries of the Reservation. The long standing and growing concern is from emergency service providers and law enforcement regarding 911 addressing issues and response time. There are precious minutes lost when emergency response units are dispatched to the wrong address. The Department of Natural Resources reminds all; these signs are the property of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Please do not remove these sign, each sign has a purpose. For 911 emergency systems to dispatch emergency service providers to the proper physical address. If you have any questions, please contact Eddie Box, Jr., DNR Information Systems Manager at 970-563-0125 ext. 2232.



FEBRUARY COMING EVENTS

Feb 8: Club Venture Afterschool

The first of regular early release club venture activities

Feb 10: Teen Center Late Night

Dinner and a movie on our new big screen!

Feb 11: Club Venture Rock Climbing Day Trip

Practice climbing skills in preparation for Ouray. Participants get top priority registering for Ouray overnight

Feb 12: Vertical Limit: Ski & Ride

Hit the slopes with us at Purgatory

Feb 18-20: Club Venture Ouray Ice Climbing Trip

Camp out in warm yurts, ice climb, sledding, and much more

Feb 24: Family Dinner and OverDrive

Overdrive returns in February. Stay tuned



Call or email the teen center
for permission slips and
more information.

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NEW EMPLOYEES



Ian Twiss

Job title: Assistant facility operations manager

Hobbies: Fishing, hiking, powwows and killing zombies!

Family: Wife Toni

Tribe: Lakota Sioux

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Southern Ute Tribal Members!

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Habitat reclamation, Scott's Pond



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ben Zimmerman (above) of the Southern Ute wildlife division coordinated with a small excavator at Scott's Pond, performing required maintenance to the recreation area. The aquatic revitalization project will create better habitat and improved fishing conditions both underwater and along the shoreline. The infrastructure for maintaining the water levels will also be upgraded in the process. While most of the major dirt work was performed by Matthew Box through construction services, Preston Abeyta (top photo), soil conservation technician with the Tribe's water resources division, was called in to help oversee the final steps of the project. Crews worked to prep- seal the pond with Bentonite on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Restoring, protecting an icon



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Bison manager, Chris Olguin called in a repair to one of the existing mounts on display in the Hall of Warriors. Mike Francavilla, Mountain Air Taxidermy, Pagosa Springs, worked off a ladder to artfully restore the mount to its former condition. The bison is one that was selected from the Tribe's own herd, and the original work was performed by Francavilla. Restoration took place on Wednesday, Feb 1.

Young artists corner



photos courtesy Avaleena Nanaeto

The sun is rising and the Academy kids pray and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

Young Artists Corner is a feature of The Southern Ute Drum. Each issue, it highlights the artistic work — photography, drawing, painting or otherwise — of a local youth. Submissions are encouraged for the newspaper, email (high resolution) to Drum editor Ace Stryker at astryker@southern-ute.nsn.us. Submissions are run in the order they're received.

VALENTINE WORKSHOP



Saturday February 11, 2012
Southern Ute Higher Education

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

In this workshop, participants will make valentine cards using stickers, stamps, fancy papers, inks, chalk, and paper cutouts. During the second half of the workshop participants will make and decorate, cut-out cookies, and peanut clusters.

To join; call Luana Herrera, at Higher Education
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What's On Your Mind?

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners goes "On the Road" and invites you to join them for an informal community dialogue on issues important to you!

Monday, February 13, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Bayfield Town Hall
1199 Bayfield Parkway, Bayfield

Bobby Lieb
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Kellie Hotter
La Plata County Commissioners

For more information, please call (970) 382-6219



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Happy birthday & Valentine's Day wishes

To my Valentine's
Tyla & Jennifer

Your smiles, your courage and your patience are the best qualities a mother could ever ask for, thank you for being there for one another and for me. Tyla, your always reaching for bigger and better things, always testing, always caring too much, and yes, your one of a kind. Jenn your not second best, your too lovable and kind, your smile and uplifting comments are never ending, we're always laughing. I love you both very much and thank you for loving me, have a wonderful Valentine's Day, as well as everyday.

Love,
Mom



With each passing day, you are always in our hearts, loving praying and missing you. We ask God to keep you close and safe.

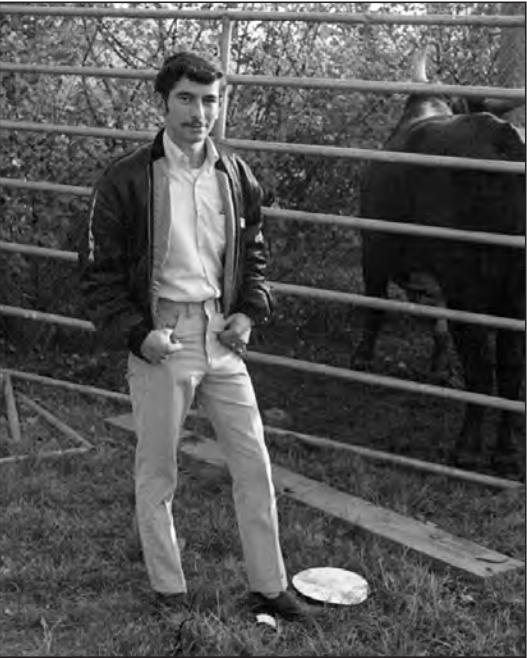
Love you baby,
Happy Birthday,
Grandma Sherri & Grandpa Barney



Wanting to wish my dad a
Happy Birthday, Feb 7

Dad you are one of the greatest fathers a person can have. You have taught me so much about life, that I have taken every word of your teachings. I am proud to be your son and name after you, we shall enjoy more of your birthdays to come together as the future holds. You have been the back bone to your and moms marriage of 34 years now, and we will continue to be by your side through the happiest times and rough times. Hope you enjoy your Birthday dad on Feb 7.

Love your Son Lloyd Jr.
and your Wife Clara Lucero



Happy Birthday Nuf

Here's wishing you the very best on your 14th birthday on February 12. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments you have achieved. Always give 100+% in everything you do. We love you so very much.

Grammie
and Grandpa Frost

Happy Birthday Brother Nufie

We really love you a lot. You are the best big brother ever. Thank you for everything you do for us. We love you with all our hearts. Happy 14th Birthday.

Fame, Amarante
and Kruz

Birthday Wishes on Feb. 10

Amy Barry

Happy Birthday Amy, may all your birthday wishes come true. I just can't believe how time flies by. May the Creator watch over you. We love you with all our hearts.

Auntie Ed
and Uncle Ray

Auntie Amy

We love you and have a Happy Birthday. You are one of the best Auntie ever. Make sure you get everything you want for your birthday.

Love,
Eufemia, Amarante, Kruz
and Nufie

Happy Valentine's Day to all the Mother's and Mommies to-be, without you none of us would be here.

- Anonymous



Wishing you a Happy 27th Birthday
and a Happy Valentines Day

We love you and are thinking of you but most of all we miss our Big Bro SCOTTY MOE.

Love
Shiri, Mudd & Sue

To Jesse D. Vigil
My Man!

You are now going to be an adult on 2/9 I have enjoyed watching you play Football, Basketball, and Baseball throughout your High School years. You have grown into such a great person. I have watched you become a responsible individual, and you still show that "responsibility." The way I see you, is that you will keep up that responsibility and care for all things. You are a smart young man and you have strife for good things in your life. Keep on that straight path of goodness, and a lot of Blessing will come your way. Thank you for all that you do for me and have done for me. This Grandma will always be around cheering you on, no matter what you do. Remember, I'm the loudest Cheerleader on the sidelines and all the other Parents know that. Make this year the best year of High School before you Graduate in three (3) months!! Right now, I want to wish you "My Love" a very HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY!! May the Creator Bless you and Keep you safe from all harm, and protect in harm's way.

Luv,
Grams - Darlene Frost

To Shyanne Vigil
Happy belated Birthday Wishes
for my Granddaughter,
"Nanny Goob-Goobs," on 1/28

just know you had a very good birthday with your friends. Hope the sleep-over was fun. Nanny, you are such a pretty girl. You have grown so much in the last year, and have learned so much during the past years. Keep up that "beautiful smile." Your personality is so filled with such "wit and wisdom & your too smart for your britches", as the saying goes. It will be such a pleasure to watch you play volleyball this coming year and next year. Hopefully, my little Nanny, you will keep it up. Anyways, Happy Birthday my Love. You are such a beautiful young girl. I wish you lots of birthdays to come, and keep up your wit and humor. You are so good at it. God Bless You and Keep you safe from harm.

Luv,
Grams - Darlene Frost

Happy Valentine's
from the Drum staff!
May your hearts be filled
with love and happiness.



Ignacio Community Library upcoming events

February Activities for 'Tweenz'

Feb. 15: Mad Science
Feb. 22: Fiber Class – Felting
Feb. 29: Movie 'Dolphin Tale'
All tween activities begin at 2:30 p.m. Snacks are provided.

Ladies Movie Night presents 'Valentine's Day'

Feb. 11 at 4:30 p.m., We will provide the food while you bring a favorite chocolate treat to share. Please RSVP for this event; we must have a minimum of 5 people.

Ancestry.com

Feb. 21 from 2 – 4 p.m., Genealogy expert Don Ford will give a presentation at the Library to help navigate through the site Ancestry.com. Please call or stop in to let us know if you plan to attend this event. He will be prepared to answer any questions you might have on Ancestry.com

Community Cinema

Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., This month's film will focus on Shukree Hassan Tilghman, a 29-year-old African American filmmaker, on a cross-country campaign to end Black History Month. Through this thoughtful, humorous journey, 'More Than a Month' investigates what the treatment of history tells us about race and equality in a "post-racial" America.

Junior Book Club

Meeting held the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. If your child wishes to attend, he/she must be signed up. Call or stop by to sign your child up.

Family Story Time

Wednesdays at 10 am. Participate with your child and have fun! Parents who are listening to a story and showing interest in books are wonderful role models for their children.

Prenatal yoga



Starting on Thursday, February 9th, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Sun Ute

This new multi-level yoga class is being run in partnership with the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start/Early Head Start as a way to help promote fitness and wellness for mommies-to-be in the surrounding communities. Prenatal yoga will prepare mom, both physically and mentally, for the journey ahead by helping to maintain healthy blood pressure levels, relieve back pain, ensure proper and healthy weight gain, strengthen the pelvic muscles and help reduce the likelihood of developing varicose veins. In addition, this class will have an emphasis on deep breathing to help calm the mind and allow you to connect with yourself and your baby. This group atmosphere will provide you with the much needed support and friendship to keep you going throughout your pregnancy and beyond!

Mats, bolsters, blocks and straps will be provided!!!

Cost : FREE to individuals who are current members of the Sun Ute Community Center OR \$4.00 per class



For more information, please contact Ernie Garcia or Julie Goodman at 563-4566 or call SunUte at 563-0214 and ask for Sage.

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Senior Breakfast Program

Welcoming all elders 55+

February Menu:

February 3rd Corned Beef Hash
February 10th Cinnamon Roll Frech Toast
February 17th Breakfast Burritos
February 24th Fruity French Toast

Served with coffee and fruit.

Healthy breakfast served every Friday from 9:00am to 10:30am at the SunUte Community Center.

FREE to all Southern Ute Tribal Elders!

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Who am I?

Our ongoing search for genuine love

By Tim Yaw

Nuuciu Bible Baptist Church

Welcome back to our ongoing search for genuine love in this existence and a future hope for eternal peace in the presence of God. Thus far we have found that human love is self-centered and history has proven this type of love does not bring peace with our fellow human beings. As we learned about our creation, our purpose of creation and our destiny after physical death, we found that all the answers focused on God. With that we altered our search for genuine love from a worldly focus (natural view) to a spiritual focus (supernatural view). God became our source of love to investigate and we found a wonderful truth by logically revealing his personality. Upon further investigation of God's personality we affirmed that all his attributes are centered on love. Viewing God's love, we proved it is sacrificial because of the way he interacts with his human creation.

God proved that genuine love places others needs before ours invoking a desire to help while putting our desires aside. How did God prove it? By what God did for his created humans. Because human pride and focus on oneself (sin) separates humans from God; humans are destined to an eternity separated from God (hell) unless reconciliation with God is made. God understands our shortcoming so through his mercy and love He provided the means of reconciliation. God manifested himself as a man and in the name of Jesus Christ walked among his creation. Reconciliation comes through Jesus Christ who took our sins that separated us from God upon himself and died, thus paying the penalty of spiritual death (eternal separation from God) that we were to pay. God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus now lives to mediate between humans and God. Is that not genuine love? God will share his genuine love with those who truly believe that Jesus took the sin of the world

upon himself and paid the sin debt we owed. When we sincerely believe this and desire to be changed of our old sinful nature by asking God to forgive us and to transform us into the person he wants us to be, we can live this life of genuine love while we share with it others.

The world today is screaming for peace and safety. This series has proven that peace and safety can only be found spiritually and cannot originate in humans. It can only be generated by the Holy Spirit of God living in those who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of their existence. When we give our heart and life to God through belief in the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, we are indwelt with God's Holy Spirit who transforms our self-centered emotions, desires and will into godly emotions, desires and will. You can actually become a new person through a regenerated soul!

Let's compare a natural soul with a regenerated godly soul to give us a better idea of the magnitude of this transformation. Here is how God sees us in our sinful state:

"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Wow! Did you ever see yourself as being that depraved? God says in his word, the Holy Bible, that this is the way we are. Notice that God ends this passage by affirming that those who continue to live this way can not come into the kingdom of God. That is the eternal separation from God our soul will have to endure. When we admit we are this way and are willing to allow God to change us and we genuinely ask him to do so; through his Holy Spirit this is what he will do in us:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gen-

tleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Now, there's peace we can live with individually and peace that we can share with others.

Many people believe this fruit of the Spirit can be self-achieved, but again history and current events proves them wrong. God tells us we cannot achieve this goodness without his intervention. The fruit is a picture of the holiness of God and unless we accept the sacrifice he made for us, we will continue producing the sinful fruit which only leads to destruction in this life and an eternal hell in the next.

Obtaining and living this life of genuine love can only be accomplished through faith in Jesus Christ who will make the transformation in us if we will only admit who we are and ask him to change us:

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

Imagine a world of Spirit filled humans living in peace with God and sharing love and concern for each other! Why not try it? In doing so you have everything to gain and everything to lose – Gain a godly nature and lose your sinful nature while following the Spirit to an everlasting relationship with God.

It appears that God has enlightened us as to our search for love. Now that you see the source of the love we have been looking for; Aren't you interested in knowing more about this living and active God? In future articles we will investigate God in order to not just know about him, but to get to know him personally. That is God's desire for his people. I am praying for God to open your heart to understand and receive the truth we have proven through this investigation. If you missed any of the articles in this series and would like copies, contact me through the Drum office.

Membership memories



photo archives/SU DRUM

The winner of the "Name the Buffalo" contest was Mr. Randy Baker Jr. Randy has named the baby buffalo "Rolling Thunder" or in Ute translation 'úu-nú-pagáy'. Randy won an award of \$100. The Elders Committee selected the name during a meeting Dec. 24, 1984.



Birth Certificate information:

Name: Rolling Thunder
Sex: Male
Place of Birth: Sky Ute Downs
Date of Birth: Nov. 10, 1984
Name of Father: Father Fruita Buffalo
Name of Mother: Mother Fruita Buffalo
Signed this 27th day of Dec. 1984
Clement J. Frost (vice), Southern Ute Tribal Chairman



SunUte Swim Club

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Train With Our Swim Club!

SunUte is fortunate to have coach Lin Eskridge back! She is coaching youth swimming for ages 8-18 every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 4:30-5:30 pm. This program is open to the public, however, we are looking for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and Descendants (ages 8-18) to participate in the games being held in July. The Tri-Ute Games are designed for all Utes to get to know their brothers and sisters through friendly competition. If you can swim one length in the pool we welcome you to come and learn to swim competitively. As the kids progress Lin will be teaching proper technique, flip turns and the rules and regulations involved in racing. Our goal is to train swimmers to be competitive in the Tri-Ute games and future NAIG games. Swimmers can also train to compete as independents in the Western Slope League.

Tri-Ute Swimmers from 2009



Swim for Fitness, Swim for Life!

Swimming doesn't have to be about competing. It is an excellent form of exercise that can be used throughout your entire life. If you've tried swimming laps, you know it's not easy in the beginning! With proper training and perseverance anyone can learn to become a good recreational swimmer. By learning a variety of strokes and changing the work out you can get a full-body workout that is less stressful for your back, knees and hips.

SunUte Pool

Special points of interest:
See schedule for details.

- Use swimming as a way of cross training for your other sports.
- We offer free swim lessons for Tribal Members .
- We offer water aerobics every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- We offer private swim lessons for \$15 per half hour for non-Tribal Members.
- We will make more swim club training times available for Tribal Members upon request.



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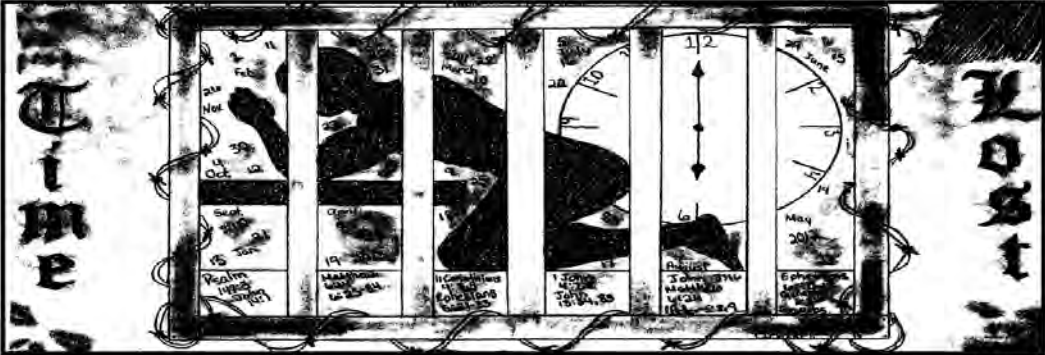
- Native Americans are 10 times more likely to be incarcerated than whites.
- 6 of 10 juveniles in federal custody are Native American.
- 60% of children with a parent in jail will be locked up sometime in their lifetimes.

What can we as former inmates, friends and family of inmates, community activists & others do to keep our people out of prison and jail? What can we build for ourselves that makes us stronger collectively and keeps families, Tribe and community safe?

BREAK THE CHAINS! DISMANTLING THE PIPELINE TO PRISON

A community dialogue for former inmates, friends & family of inmates & others impacted by incarceration.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (9:00 – 10:00
REGISTRATION)
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Artwork by Calvin Levato, 2011

We will be joined by **LENNY FOSTER**, Native American human rights activist; Director of the Navajo Nation Corrections Project; co-author of legislation in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado allowing Native American spiritual practice in prison resulting in significant reductions in prison returns; American Indian Movement activist; recipient of city of Phoenix Dr. Martin Luther King Human Rights Award.

This community dialogue is sponsored by See It. Stop It. on Native Lands Parent & Youth Leadership Projects, the SUIT Multi-Purpose Facility, the Violence Prevention Coalition of SW Colorado and lots of freedom-loving people seeking long lasting solutions to violence in our communities. Funding provided by the Ms. Foundation and a gift from the El Pomar Foundation. For more information call 563-0100 x 2641 or 247-2935.

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Requests for Bids

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR LAKE CAPOTE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Owner:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for a General Contractor to submit proposals for the Lake Capote Water System Improvements project located at 398 Hwy 151, Pagosa Springs, CO, 81147. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 P.M. MDT, Friday, March 2, 2012. A Mandatory

Pre-Bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012 at 9 a.m. at the site. Proposals will not be accepted from those that did not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Requests for Bids

HEALTH AND WELLNESS POWWOW COMMITTEE CATERING SERVICES FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS POWWOW

The Health and Wellness Powwow committee is now accepting bids for catering for the upcoming Health and Wellness Powwow, taking place Oct. 20, 2012. All bids must be turned in, in writing, by July 1, to be considered. A menu must be planned, included with the specific recipes. Catering will be planned for 500 people, for the meal break at 5 p.m. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Preference will be given to caters and their servers/helpers who have food handlers certificates, or able to obtain prior to the event. Each interested caterer will be asked to turn in two bids; 1 will include set-up and clean up of all meal related items; 2 the other bid should be for cooking and food preparation only (committee and volunteers can be responsible for set up and clean up). If interested in catering this event, please contact Robert Howe at 970-563- 0100, ext. 2458 or call the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Diabetes program at 970-563-4741.

IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION PO BOX 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO (970) 563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2012-NC-012 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Jaiden Jose Werito, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Jaiden Jose Werito has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Jaiden Jose Gomez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than March 11, 2012 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2012.
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 11-NC-175 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE Arecio Adarius Eagle Boy Baker-Hayes

Notice is hereby given that Arecio Adarius Eagle Boy Baker-Hayes has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Arecio Adarius Soaring Eagle Claw Baker. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than Feb. 3, 2012 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2011.
Janie Herrera, Court Clerk

Case No. 11-CV-101
NOTICE OF SUIT In RE the Matter of the Repossession of the 1999 Golden West Mobile Home 27'x 48', VIN: GWCA21L25632 AB, and concerning Felipe Lopez (deceased debtor) and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. (Plaintiff) TO: Any Interested Person: 1) An Amended Petition for Order Allowing Repossession of the 1999 Golden West Mobile Home 27' x 48', VIN: GWCA21L25632 AB, owned by Felipe

Lopez, deceased, has been filed in this Court on Oct. 25, 2011; 2) Any interested party to this lawsuit is directed to immediately file a pleading in response to the Petition For Order Allowing Repossession on file herein in the office of the Clerk of the above Court; 3) If you want to deny the claim you must file a written answer; 4) You may go to a legal counsel or advocate who can prepare an answer for you; 5) If you do nothing, the Court may give judgment for the Plaintiff.

In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2012-PR-003 NOTICE OF PROBATE Jack McClure Frost Sr, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on March 6, 2012 at 11 a.m. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of January, 2012
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk



The Multi-Purpose Staff would like to encourage the Southern Ute Tribal Membership to place their reservations for either the Multi-Purpose Facility or Memorial Chapel early. The Multi-Purpose staff will make every effort to accommodate the requests. All weekend events must be made by five pm on Friday. Please note the following policy when making a request: Tribal Members events only, no fees, cultural, traditional and social events, AV equipment (TV/DVD/VCR) available, No alcohol or illegal drugs allowed in facility or on grounds, user is responsible for all cleaning/setup, a refundable deposit may be required for large events and all events scheduled are on a first come/first serve basis. IMPORTANT NOTICE: In the event of a Tribal Member's (or immediate family member) funeral all scheduled activities will be canceled or postponed to accommodate the funeral.

Multi-Purpose Facility and Memorial Chapel
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Southern Ute Growth Fund

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Operations Technician II
Closing date 2/14/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Supports the Operations Department with administrative and technical support in the preparation of budgets, AFEs, various metrics to track key production indicators.

PeopleSoft Senior HR Developer
Closing date 2/14/12 – SU Shared Service Ignacio, CO. Development, analysis, and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management applications, providing PeopleSoft HR and Benefits technical support and consultation.

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Closing date 2/15/12 – GF Information Tech. Grp. Ignacio, CO. Analyzes, maintains and develops software systems in support of clients’ business goals, assists other IT staff as needed in system operation and maintenance.

Mechanic II
Closing date 2/16/12 – Frontier Field Services Artesia, NM. Maintains in maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and the field compressor stations safely and efficiently.

Mechanic III
Closing date 2/16/12 – Frontier Field Services Artesia, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and the field compressor stations safely and efficiently.

PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer
Closing date 2/17/12 – SU Shared Service Ignacio, CO. Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

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Landman IV
Closing date 2/28/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Obtains the legal licenses to drill and produce oil and gas, maintains orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records, negotiates and assists in the drafting of leases and partnership documents, and provides leadership to multi-function teams.

Lead Division Order Analyst
Closing date 3/9/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Division Order procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, operated/non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate filing system.

Lead Land Records Analyst
Closing date 3/9/12 – Red Willow Production Co. Ignacio, CO. Establishes the procedures and protocol to maintain orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records for all operated and non-operated interest properties, including leases, joint operating agreements, and other various land documents.

Administrative Assistant/Victim’s Advocate Coordinator Trainee
Closing date 2/24/12 – Our Sister’s Keeper Coalition and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO office are accepting applications for an individual interested in completing a training program within our organization. Our Sister’s Keeper is a tribal coalition assisting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Applicants must be at least eighteen years old; have the desire to stop violence; have some computer knowledge; demonstrate a professional attitude; have some office management skills; willingness to work various hours as needed. Applicant must NOT have current crimes associated with violence or crimes against children. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must have a current drivers license and be able to transport clients. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation and drug testing. Please contact Our Sister’s Keeper for the complete job announcement and qualifications at 970-259-2519. TERO Preference applies.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, SOCIAL SERVICES
Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking five (5) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe’s Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 ext. 2424.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Apprentice committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has one (1) Apprentice Committee Member vacancy. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of Tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the Committee and to the objectives of the program. A majority of the Committee shall be Tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) that the Apprenticeship Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible Tribal members. All interested Southern Ute Tribal Members who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building no later than Feb. 13, 2012.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
WILDLIFE DIVISION
Wildlife Advisory Board vacancies

The Tribe is seeking enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill TWO vacant seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board.

One of the vacancies is for the remaining 2 years of a 3-year seat on the Board, while the second vacancy is for a 1-year, Youth-Only seat. The Youth seat may only be filled by a Tribal Member between the ages of 14 and 18. This 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division in planning and recommending actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs.

Board members not already employed by the Tribe are eligible for \$20/hr compensation for meeting attendance. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected.

Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO, 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 17, 2011.

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Please refer to the complete job announcement and qualifications at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs or at the Human Resources Department
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Custom Farms Field Supervisor Apprentice
Closing date 2/17/12 – So. Ute Tribal member only
Program goal is to provide the Southern Ute Tribal Member Apprentice with additional education, skills, and experience necessary to fulfill the job requirements for a Custom Farm Field Supervisor Position. Incumbent will learn all skills and abilities necessary to manage the Agriculture Division’s field staff and Custom Farm operations. Time frame for program completion is twelve (12) months, unless circumstances require an extension or reduction in the length of the Program. The time-frame for Program completion may be altered only upon the mutual and written agreement of the supervisor and other chain of command in the department, the Apprentice, and the Apprentice Committee.

Range Technician
Closing date 2/13/12 – Pay grade 18
Under the general supervision of the Range Division Head, represents the Range Division of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in a positive professional manner while implementing and coordinating range management activities.

Dental Assistant
Open until filled – Pay grade 17
Under dentist supervision, incumbent is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center Dental office, including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties, and radiology functions.

Finance Department Apprentice
Open until filled
The goal of the Apprentice program is to provide Southern Ute Tribal members with opportunities in finance careers through education, training and mentoring. This Program is designed to benefit Tribal members who wish to utilize skills acquired in formal education and prior work experience to continue development as finance professionals. Tribal member participants who successfully complete the Program will learn necessary skills which will improve chances to obtain financial jobs. Three levels of positions are available: Senior Finance, Finance Manager, and Other Finance Positions. Southern Ute Tribal Members only.

Temporary-Family Practice Physician
Open until filled – Pay grade 30
Providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center.

Temporary-Lake Capote Maintenance Worker (2 positions)
Open until filled – Pay grade 13
Under general supervision of the Lake Capote residential manager and the Parks & Recreation Manager, employee greets guests, collect fees for fishing/camping/small concessions, provides maintenance, cleans and repairs grounds, and assist in construction of continued site developments. Incumbent performs work for approx. 8 months and will go on furlough for a portion of the year. April 5 through Oct. 5, 2012, or from April 12 to Oct. 12, 2012.

Temporary-Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) Crew Members (4 positions)
Open until filled – Pay grade 11
Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental educational program provided by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission of YNR Program is to foster an interest in and sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Through the program, participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education, and field trip opportunities. Must be available to work June through Aug., 2012.

Temporary-Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) Crew Leader
Open until filled – Pay grade 14
Youth in Natural Resources (YNR) is an environmental education program of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The mission of YNR is to foster an interest in and a sense of stewardship toward our natural resources by providing an environmental education component and opportunities for summer employment in natural resource management. Through the program, participants receive hands-on work experience, environmental education lessons, and field trip opportunities. Must be available to work May 1 through Sept. 14, 2012.

Help in filling out online applications is available at the Human Resources office. Another way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week, is our JOB HOTLINE! The HOTLINE is updated weekly and lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Powwow Committee vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee Member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

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The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum took advantage of Snowdown in Durango to showcase Ute storytelling and cultural arts and crafts at their 'What's In a tale?' event, Saturday, Feb., 4. Joseph Rael Sr., (above) and Alden Naranjo Sr., both gave narratives during the storytelling segment of the event. Mr. Rael told of the creation of life, stating, "we are all born of stardust ... vibrations of energy". Cultural crafts were part of a hands-on exhibition on the second floor of the museum. Youth and adults alike tried their hand at painting masks (below), making pouches, beading on a loom (left), clay molding (above left), and learning of the many uses of the buffalo. The event coincided with Snowdown, a week-long celebration held in Durango.



Local Ignacio Weather

Friday, Feb. 10

Mostly sunny, High 41 °F

Saturday, Feb. 11

Mostly sunny, High 41 °F

Sunday, Feb. 12

Partly cloudy, High 41 °F

Jan. 23 Jan. 30 Feb. 7 Feb. 14 Feb. 21

Weather data for January 23 – February 6

Average hourly temperature (°F)

Temperature

High	48.8°F
Low	11.1°F
Average	29.0°F
Average last year	21.8°F

Average hourly precipitation (inches)

Precipitation

Total	0.46 inches
Total last year	0.04 inches

Average hourly wind speed (mph)

Wind speed

Average	4.0 mph
Minimum	0.6 mph
Maximum	13.3 mph

Average hourly visibility and humidity

Visibility & humidity

Avg. visibility	88.1
Avg. humidity	70.7%

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